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ABSTRACT

The primary mission of Kishwaukee College (KC), one of Illinois's 40 community colleges, is to serve the educational needs of the district within which it resides. This central mission is addressed through two-year pre-baccalaureate programs; career education; adult basic and secondary education; community education courses, workshops, and seminars; and management and employee training courses. In fall 1991, the average age of students at KC was 28; minority group members constituted 12% of KC's student body, while representing 5.6% of the total district population; and 80% of KC's students were employed while enrolled. The average class size in transfer and occupational courses was 18 students. The college offered 64 credit hour associate degree programs which prepared students to transfer to senior institutions. Approximately 41% of the students were enrolled in transfer programs, while approximately 28% were enrolled in associate of applied science degrees or certificate programs designed to lead to employment. Some 8% of the student population was enrolled in courses and programs offered by the adult basic education division which included courses in basic reading, writing, and mathematics, courses leading to a high school equivalency diploma, and English-as-a-Second-Language training. For all students enrolled in transfer or occupational programs, 90.3% were in good academic standing at the end of fall 1990. A state study conducted in 1980 ranked KC students third among Illinois community college students in baccalaureate degree completion at state universities. Student opinion surveys conducted in 1988 and 1991 suggested that KC has enjoyed broad student support for its programs and services. (JMC)

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The following information on Kishwaukee College students and programs is provided to current and future consumers in order to describe the college's mission and characteristics, and to report on the college's progress in achieving its mission. Kishwaukee College welcomes comments and suggestions from students, parents, employers, and district residents concerning the contents of this report. Comments and suggestions should be addressed to the Dean of Student Services, Kishwaukee College, 21193 Malta Road, Malta, Illinois 60150.

Goals and Characteristics of Kishwaukee College

Mission

Kishwaukee College, as one of the 40 State of Illinois community colleges, has as its primary mission to serve the educational needs of the district within which it resides. This central mission is addressed through five major educational goals:

1. **Two-year baccalaureate programs** to meet the needs of high school graduates who wish to transfer to four-year colleges and universities.

2. **Career Education** to meet the needs of people who wish to improve or develop their skills, prepare for employment or advancement, gain vocational experience, or expand their general knowledge.

3. **Adult Basic and Secondary Education** to meet the needs of non-high school graduates and others who require improvement of their basic skills.

4. **Community education courses, workshops, and seminars** to meet the needs and develop the interests of people and communities who seek educational, cultural, social and/or economic growth.

5. **Management and employee training courses** to meet the needs of people employed in commerce, industry, and the public sector, supplemented by economic development activities to attract and/or retain private business firms.

Institutional Characteristics

Kishwaukee College began classes in Fall 1968 with 620 students and now serves more than 4,500 students a semester with a total college staff of 394, which includes seventy-one full-time faculty. The College offers a variety of credit and non-credit courses, workshops, and seminars on its main campus in Malta and throughout the district at grammar, middle, and high schools and at churches, businesses, industries, and other sites. Accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, Kishwaukee College has expanded its educational offerings while maintaining a debt-free financial status throughout its 23-year history thanks to local community support.

Student Characteristics

Fall 1991 Enrollment:

Students	4,546
Male	1,834(40.3%)
Female	2,712(59.7%)
Full-time	1,226(27.0%)
Part-time	3,320(73.0%)
Day Classes	2,137(47.0%)
Evening Classes	1,661(36.5%)
Day & Evening	748(16.5%)
Married	1,756(38.6%)
Unmarried	2,790(61.4%)
Veterans	175(3.8%)
First Enrollees	1,319(29.0%)

Fiscal Year 1990-91:

Disabled	64
Academically Disadv.	1,596
Economically Disadv.	257
Acad. & Econ. Disadv.	326
Limited English Speaking	363
Total Disabled and Disadvantaged	2,606

Employment: 80% of students are employed while enrolled.

Financial Aid:
1,326 students received $1.5 million in aid

Age (Average Age 28):

Under 20	885(19.5%)
20 - 22	878(19.3%)
23 - 29	751(16.5%)
30 - 39	872(19.2%)
40 - 49	534(11.7%)
50 - 59	239(5.3%)
60 - Over	387(8.5%)
	4,546

Racial/Ethnic::

District minority pop. 5.6%, College is 12.0%

Am. Indian/Alaskan	14(0.3%)
Asian/Pacific Islander	97(2.1%)
Black(Afro.Am.&African)	186(4.1%)
Caucasian	4,001(88.0%)
Hispanic	236(5.2%)
Non-Resident Alien	12(0.3%)
	4,546

Student Characteristics Cont.
Student Intent For Enrolling:

Coursework to transfer to senior inst.	1,165 (25.6%)
Prepare for a future job	1,069 (23.5%)
Personal interest/self development	1,050 (23.1%)
Improve skills for present job	507 (11.2%)
Remedy or review basic ed. or voc. skills	248 (5.5%)
High school equivalency (G.E.D.)	127 (2.8%)
Coursework to decide on career	148 (3.3%)
Other or Unknown	232 (5.1%)
	4,546

Educational Opportunities Available

Kishwaukee College offers a variety of educational programs to meet the needs and interests of its district residents. The average class size in transfer and occupational courses for Fall 1991 is 18.

Transfer Programs
Kishwaukee College offers 64 credit hour Associate of Arts (AA) and Associate of Science (AS) degree programs which prepare students to transfer to a senior institution to complete a bachelor's degree. Through an agreement with the state universities of Illinois called the "Compact", completion of an associates degree guarantees junior standing and completion of general education requirements at most State of Illinois senior institutions. Approximately 41% or 1,867 students are enrolled in transfer programs during Fall 1991. The largest intended baccalaureate majors are business, education, computer science, engineering, and accounting.

Occupational Programs
Kishwaukee College offers Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degrees or certificate programs leading directly to employment in the occupational field of preparation. These programs include:

Accounting (A.A.S/Certificate)
Agricultural (A.A.S./Certificates)
Auto Body Paint & Repair (A.A.S./Certificates)
Automotive Technology (A.A.S./Certificates)
Basic Nurse Assistant (state certificate)
Child Care Technology (A.A.S./Certificate)
Commercial Truck Technology (A.A.S./Certificates)
Data Processing (A.A.S./Certificates)
Drafting, Computer Aided (A.A.S./Certificates)
Electronics (A.A.S./Certificate)
Fire and Safety Technology (A.A.S./Certificate)
Horticulture, Ornamental (A.A.S./Certificates)
Law Enforcement (A.A.S./Certificate)
Manufacturing Technology (A.A.S./Certificates)
Marketing and Management (A.A.S./Certificates)
Nursing (A.A.S./Certificate)
Office Systems (A.A.S./Certificates)
Power Equipment Technology (A.A.S./Certificates)

Occupational Programs Cont.
Quality Control (Certificate)
Radiology (A.A.S.)
Real Estate (Certificate)
Water Quality Control (A.A.S./Certificate)
Welding (Certificate)

Approximately 28% or 1,257 students are enrolled in occupational degrees, certificates or vocational skill improvement courses during Fall 1991. The largest occupational majors are nursing, horticulture, marketing/management, and office systems.

Adult Basic Education/Secondary Ed./English As Second Language/Special Programs

Kishwaukee College recognizes the literacy needs of adults in our district by offering them basic courses in reading, writing, and mathematics. Also offered are courses leading to a high school equivalency (G.E.D.) diploma and English language training for those whose native language is not English. A variety of special programs, many grant funded, assist special populations within our district. These include single and teen parents, citizenship preparation, employment skills for dropouts, and others. Approximately 8% or 374 students are benefiting from courses and programs offered by the Adult Basic Education Division this Fall 1991.

Community Education and Services
Community Education and Services offers credit and non-credit courses, workshops, seminars, and forums throughout the district and the Malta campus. Many offerings reflect the current recreational and hobby interests of residents as well as the needs for continuing education for professionals, a Kids College for children and teens, and other activities not served by the traditional instructional activities of the college. Approximately 23% or 1,048 students are enrolled in some form of credit or non-credit Community Education/Services courses, seminars, tours, or workshops during Fall 1991.

Business and Industrial Development
The Kishwaukee College Business and Industrial Development (B.I.D.) Center assists local business and industry with their employee training and development needs and provides support to business, civic, and governmental agencies toward the economic development of our district. In the fall 1991 over 234 employees are being provided courses and training programs often delivered at the employee work site and at times convenient to their work schedules.

Kishwaukee Education Consortium
Kishwaukee College in cooperation with the high school districts of DeKalb, Genoa-Kingston, Kirkland, Malta, Sycamore, and Rochelle have formed the Kishwaukee College Educational Consortium (KEC) to provide the regionalized delivery of vocational programs. Current programs for high school juniors and seniors include Auto Body, Auto Mechanic, Building Maintenance, Business Ownership, Computer Drafting, Construction Trades, Cosmetology, Food Service, Graphic Arts, Medical Assisting, and Manufacturing/Welding Technology. Fall 1991 enrollments in these programs are currently 211 students.

Evidence of Student Success, Learning, & Satisfaction

Student Success & Learning
For all students enrolled in transferable or occupational programs, 90.3% or 4,042 were in good academic standing at the end of Fall 1990 as compared to 9.7% or 436 on academic probation.

Student Success & Learning Cont.
8,331 graduates have received a total of 9,581 degrees and/or certificates between 1968 and August of 1991.

Transfer Students:

80% of baccalaureate oriented students who transfer attend Northern Illinois University. The remaining 20% transfer to other Illinois colleges and universities or to out-of-state institutions.

Kishwaukee transfer students generally do as well as or better than state university native students in terms of grade point average.

State study of 1980 Community College students ranks Kishwaukee College AA/AS/AAS students 3rd in baccalaureate degree completion at state universities as compared to all other Illinois Community Colleges.

Occupational students:
90% of employers who responded to a follow-up study answered "very good" or "good" in terms of satisfaction with Kishwaukee graduates' technical knowledge, attitude, quality, and meeting job requirements.

79% of Kishwaukee students were employed in occupations related to their programs of study.

According to the Summer 1991 Occupational Follow-up Study of students who had been enrolled in business and technology related majors:

> 91% of the respondents were employed full or part-time, with only 6% still seeking employment.
>
> 74% of respondents were "somewhat satisfied" or "very satisfied" with how well their educational programs had prepared them for their present jobs. 22% were "somewhat" or "very dissatisfied" with program preparation for their jobs. (Some of this dissatisfaction was attributable to a few respondents obtaining employment in fields unrelated to their training programs.)
>
> 100% of respondents were "somewhat satisfied" or "very satisfied" with the content of the vocational skills courses taken.

98.0% of nursing program graduates passed the National Council Licensure Examination in July 1991 to become a Registered Nurse.

100% of Radiology graduates passed the American Registry of Radiology Technologists certification examination in the summer of 1991.

Adult Basic Education Special Programs:

The Public Assistance Program for FY 1990 has enabled 30 Public Aid recipients to be taken off aid resulting in a cost savings of $114,516.00 to the State of Illinois. During the 1990-91 school year, 121 G.E.D. diplomas were earned by students.

Student Satisfaction

82% of students rated the quality of their education as "excellent" or "good" in a student opinion survey.

84% of students rated their satisfaction with the College in general as "satisfied" or "very satisfied".

(Source: ACT Student Opinion Survey, 1988)

Student Satisfaction Cont.
78% of students who responded to the question concerning overall instructor quality rated their instructors as "above average" or "superior"; 18% rated instructors as "average"; and 4% rated instructors as "below average" or "poor".

89% of students "agreed" or "strongly agreed" that their instructors were responsive to students' comments; 6% were "neutral"; and 4% "disagreed" or "strongly disagreed".

92% of students "agreed" or "strongly agreed" that their instructors demonstrated enthusiasm and interest in the courses they taught; 6% were "neutral"; and 2% "disagreed" or "strongly disagreed".

93% of students "agreed" or "strongly agreed" that their instructors were knowledgeable in their course subject areas; 5% were "neutral"; and 1% "disagreed".

89% of students "agreed" or "strongly agreed" that the content of their courses was up-to-date; 8% were "neutral"; and 2% "disagreed" or "strongly disagreed".

(Source: FY'91 Career/Transfer Student Evaluations of Instructors & Courses)

Evidence of Community and Regional Support & Satisfaction

Reaccreditation
Kishwaukee College received a 10 year reaccreditation in April 1989 from the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

Referenda
In 1986 district residents approved tax referenda for the education fund and building operations and maintenance fund.

In 1990 residents approved a 9.9 million dollar building bond referendum to complete the master plan for facilities and prepare for future growth in the district.

Fund Raising
The College Foundation has raised $640,000 toward the local share for our library expansion project.

The Office of Development over the past 6 years has raised from local sources over 1.5 million dollars.

Costs To Enroll

The tuition and fees for credit courses are listed on page 6 of this class schedule brochure. Costs for non-credit courses, workshops, tours, and seminars are printed with the description of the offering in this Career/Transfer Class Schedule Brochure and in the Community Education & Services Class Schedule Brochure. Some non-credit offerings are free to our residents. Financial assistance is available to those who qualify. In 1990/91 1,326 students received $1.5 million dollars in financial assistance to attend Kishwaukee College.

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